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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/572,533	Applicant(s) NISIKAWA, MASAOKI	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 March 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Claims 16 – 21 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on April 28, 2009.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: the act of the verification sheet being available when the recipient receives the package as there is no disclosure in the claims of whether it is sent on the package or shipped separately.

Claims 14 is further rejected as being dependent upon Claim 13. Claim 15 is also rejected in the same manner as well, however, Claim 15 does clarify Claims 12 and 13.

Claim Objections

Claim 15 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim dependency from two separate independent claims. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claim has not been further treated on the merits.

Allowable Subject Matter

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Claims 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

With respect to the prior art the claims (Considering 12 and 15 as well as 13 and 15) read over Gardiner as the item that is a seal or taught to be placed on the package is actually below the verification sheet so copying information from the seal 12 to the verification sheet is not possible. The prior art of Gardiner only teaches that 12 is adhered to the package and therefore would be the seal.

The prior art of Breen does not even teach of a shipping slip teaches of a verification sheet 12 however, there is no sheet that is to be adhered or superimposed. The teaching of Breen would have the seal below the verification sheet as the verification sheet is what would be used to compare to the other portions and as taught by Breen they are below 12 (Column 10, Lines 36 – 68 → Column 12, Lines 1 – 2 of Patent 4,614,363 and Column 11, Line 26 → Column 13 Line 24 of Patent 4,512,595 both teach of superimposing the verification sheet onto the other sheets however copying is done directly to the verification sheet). There is no teaching in the methodology to modify either patent with one another as the uses are very different.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PRADEEP C. BATTULA whose telephone number is (571)272-2142. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. & alternating Fri. 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dana Ross can be reached on 571-272-4480. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/P. C. B./
Examiner, Art Unit 3725
August 10, 2009

/Dana Ross/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3725